

OPEN DEBATES: WHITHER EDUCATION POLICY IN KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ?

Date: May 23rd,

Venue: Duhok Private Technical Institution, Malta

Time	Title	Speakers
9.00-09.30	Registration and Welcoming of Participants	
09.30-09.40	Opening and presentation of the event: <i>What is the aim and what we desire to achieve during this Open Debates?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sardar Mohammed, Global Education• Mohammedali Taha, Open Think Tank
09.40-09.50	Keynote speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farhad Atrushi, Governor of Duhok
09.50-10.00	Presentation of Survey Research <i>"What Education Policy in KRI? Perspectives from teachers and university professors from the Duhok Governorate"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sagvan Taib, Global Education• Angela Movileanu, Open Think Tank

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10.00-11.30	<p>PANEL ONE</p> <p><i>What Education Policy in KRI?</i> Perspectives from the pre-university education</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>	<p>MODERATOR: Nawzad Aqrawi, Global Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asmat Mohammed Khalid (Education Advisor to the President of Iraq, Former Minister of Education KRG) • Ibrahim Ahmed Simo (Head of Education Committee at KRI Parliament) • Ahmed Qarani (Advisor to the Minister of Education) • Bishop Rabban, International School of Duhok •
11.30-13.00	<p>PANEL TWO</p> <p><i>What Education Policy in KRI?</i> <i>Perspectives from the Higher Education</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>	<p>MODERATOR: Nezar Esmat, Open Think Tank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawood Atrushi, DG, Ministry of Higher Education • Amad M. Salih (Nawroz University) • Honar Issa, The American University of Kurdistan • Sabah Wais, University of Duhok
13.00-13.10	Wrap -Up of the day:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bakhtyiar Ahmed, Open Think Tank and Global Education
13.10	Lunch	

مژارین ئۆپن: پهروهده و فیڤرکرن ل ههریما کوردستان:

ئایا سیاسه ته کا دیارکری بو پهروهده و فیڤرکرن

ل ههریما کوردستان ههیه؟

۲۳ ئه یارا ۲۰۱۷

مژمیر ۹:۰۰ ئی سپیدی، ل ئاقاهیی پهیمانگه ها تهکنیکی دهوک تاخی مالتا، بهرامبهه زانکویا دهوک.

گههشتن و تۆمارکرن. ۰۹:۳۰ – ۰۹:۰۰

روونشتنا دهستیکی پهیفا بخیرهاتنی ژ لایئ سهردار محمد ریفه بهری ریییدراوی کۆمپانیا گلوبال ئیجووکهیشن، محهمه دهلی یاسین تاها، ریفه بهری جیبه جیکاری هزرسانییا ئۆپن. ۰۹:۴۰ – ۰۹:۳۰

پهیفا دهستیکی ژ لایئ بهریز فه رهههه ئهترووشی پاریزگاری دهوک. ۰۹:۵۰ – ۰۹:۴۰

پیشکیشکرنا ئهجامین راپرسیا فهکۆلینا زانستی کو بو مههه ما فی کۆنفرانسی هاتیه کرن ل ژیر ناؤونیشانی: سیاسه تا پهروهده و فیڤرکرن ل ههریما کوردستان: دید و نیرینین ماموستا و ماموستایین زانکویین ۱۰:۰۰ – ۰۹:۵۰

په نهل ۱ | نيرين و ديدين كهرتي په روهردئ ل دور سياسي تا
په روهرده و فيركرنئ ل هررئما كوردستان
ريښه بهرئ په نه لي: نه وزاد سه عيد ، گلؤبال ئيجووكه يشن
عسمه ت محمد خالد ، وه زيرئ پيشيئ يئ په روهردئ ل حكومه
تا هررئما كوردستان
ابراهيم احمد سمو ، سه روكن ليژنه يا په روهرده و خواندنا
بلند ل په رله ماني كوردستان
احمد قهره ني ، راويژكارئ وه زارده تا په روهردئ ، حكومه تا
هر رئما كوردستان
المطران ربان القس ، ريښه بهرئ قوتابخانا دهوك يا
نيښده وله تي

۱۱:۳۰ – ۱۰:۰۰

په نهل ۲ | نيرين و ديدين خواندنا بلند ل دور سياسي تا
په روهرده و فيركرنئ ل هررئما كوردستان
ريښه بهرئ په نه لي: نزار عسمه ت ، هررئما نوبين
داوود نه ترووشي ، ريښه بهرئ گشتي ، وه زارده تا خواندنا بلند
ئاماد محمد صالح ، سه روكن زانكؤيا نه ورؤز
هونه ر عيسا ، زانينگه ها نه مريكي يا كوردستان
صباح ابراهيم ويس ، زانكؤيا دهوك

۱۳:۰۰ – ۱۱:۳۰

دهره نجامئ كو نفرانسئ به ختير نه حمده ، هررئما نوبين
و گلؤبال ئيجووكه يشن

۱۳:۱۰ – ۱۳:۰۰

۱۳:۱۰ نان خوارنا نيفرؤ

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- **Farhad A. Saleem Atrushi**

Farhad A. Saleem Atrushi is an academic and politician. He has an MA in political science majoring in International Relations and Foreign Policy from the International Islamic University of Malaysia. In 2001 he was a lecturer on constitutional law at the Law School at International Islamic University in Malaysia.



He served as Deputy Head of Department at the Law School - Nawroz University in Duhok from 2004 to 2006 and lecturer at the College of Law and Politics at the University of Duhok from 2006 to 2010.

Between 2010 and 2014 he was a member of the Iraqi Council of Representatives, of which he was a member of the oil and gas committee.

Farhad A. Saleem Atrushi is the current Governor of Duhok.

- **Sagvan H. Taib**

Sagvan H. Taib is an academic and humanitarian relief operative. He has a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science from Nawroz University Duhok.

He has more than 25 years of experience in Programme and school management and worked for several international NGOs, UN Agencies, and private international



schools.

Since 2013 he works as Principal of Tishk Private Institute for Computer Science. Sagvan is a co-Founder and Finance Director of the Global Education Company for education and culture development.

- **Angela Movileanu**

Angela Movileanu is an academic researcher, with a Ph.D. in European and Comparative Politics. Political development and democratization are her main research interests. In the last years, she has benefited from post-doctoral fellowships with the University of Siena, Italy and the Centre for Studies and Research in Sociology, CIES-IUL Portugal. Among other research and working assignments, Angela has served as a consultant for the presidency of the Republic of Moldova, her native country.



Angela Movileanu is a Founding Member of the Open Think Tank.

PANEL 1: EDUCATION

- **Nawzad Saeed Abdulrahman**

Nawzad Saeed Abdulrahman has completed his secondary education at Kawa Preparatory School in Dohuk on 1986. He has Bachelor degree in English Literature from Mosul University in 1991 and an MA in Educational Administration from St. Clement Open University. He is currently occupying the position of Director General Assistant at DOE Dohuk. He has more than 25 years' experience in Education Programme Management with UNICEF and different international agencies.



Nawzad Saeed Abdulrahman is Operational Programme Manager with Haricar NGO.

- **Asmat Mohammed Khalid**

Asmat Mohammed Khalid, Education Advisor for Iraq President and Former Minister of Education, 2011-2013

Asmat Mohammed has a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, University of Alton-UK, and Bachelor, Post Graduate Diploma and Master degree in Civil Engineering from Mosul University.



Dr. Asmat has served as President of the University of Dohuk for more than 20 years. He was appointed as Minister of Education of Kurdistan Regional Government for the period between 2011 and 2013.

Asmat Mohammed Khalid currently serves as an Education Advisor for the President of Iraq.

- **Ibrahim Simo, Head of Education Committee at KRI Parliament**

Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed Simo

Professor Ibrahim Ahmed Simo is a full professor in Kurdish Literature. He has been actively working in areas of arts and culture. He has also participated in the establishment of numerous intellectual institutions in Kurdistan Region. He is the establisher and was the first head of Theatre Department at the college of Arts, University of Duhok. He has published numerous articles in academic journals as well as newspapers and magazines. On the political level, Professor Simo has been an active KDP member.



He is currently Member of Kurdistan Parliament - Iraq, and head of Education and Higher Education Committee.

- **Ahmed Qarani, Advisor to Minister of Education**

Ahmed Mohammed Mam Osman Qarani is the Advisor for the Ministry of Education of Kurdistan Regional Government and is acting Director General of Basic Education in the same Ministry. Mam Osman Qarani has a Ph.D from the University of Salahaddin. He has been a teacher, school principle, education supervisor and expert in education. He is a member of journalist's syndicates, teacher's syndicates and is a writer as he has different publications.



- **Msgr. Rabban al-Qas, International School of Duhok**

Mnrg. Rabban was born in the Komane village. He has served as a priest in the Chaldean church in Amedie for thirty years and later he became the Bishop of Baghdad and Bishop of Dices in Amedi. In 2004 he opened the International School in Duhok, a school with English curricula and a variety of

teaching methodologies, creating a friendly environment and tolerance among all communities and ethnicities in Dohuk. In 2013, Bishop Raban has received the Prize for Peace, in Akhen, Germany.



In 2015 he received the Certificate of Doctorate of Honor from Cambridge University in England and Cambridge University in Egypt.

Bishop Rabban currently serves as the main Principle of the International School of Dohuk.

PANEL 2: HIGHER EDUCATION

- **Nezar Ismet Taib**

Nezar Ismet Taib is a medical doctor with a specialization in psychiatry. Nezar was a child and adolescent psychiatrist at the Psychosocial Education Treatment and Consulting Center-Duhok (PSETC-C) between 2005 and 2006. He is the Head of the Personality Study Bureau for Mental Health Assessment of delinquent children. Since 2008, Nezar Taib has been working part-time for the National Mental Health Consultant to WHO, Iraq office. He has been a lecturer at the College of Medicine and College of Education at the Duhok University. Nezar Taib is also a certified UN counselor in Iraq.



He currently is the Director General of Health - Duhok Governorate.

Nezar Ismet Taib is a Founding Member of the Open Think Tank.

- **Dawood Atrushi**

Dawood Sulaiman Atrushi is an academic and university researcher. He completed his Ph.D. and undergraduate studies at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He was Vice President for International Relations at the University of Duhok from 2006 to 2014. He has broad international experience in industry and academic institutions, both in teaching, research, leadership and developing academic cooperation. Dawood Atrushi is continuously developing his knowledge: he currently is a postdoctoral researcher, and also a Masters student in “Research and Practices in Higher Education” at Kingston University in London.



Dawood Atrushi currently serves as a Director General of Engineering and Projects, at the Ministry of Higher Education.

- **Amad M. Salih**

Dr. Amad was born in 1957 in Duhok and has finished the Kawa Preparatory school in 1977. He did his B.Sc in Cairo and his M.Sc in Manchester, followed by his Ph.D at Duhok University. Dr. Amad is one of the main founders of the Duhok University in 1992. Dr. Amad is a Assistant Professor and since 2014 the President of Nawroz University in Duhok. He has been working in the academic field for almost 33 years. During ttis time, Dr. Amad was supervising a hight number of researches.



Amad M. Salih is the President of Nawroz University.

- **Honar Issa, Provost, The American University in Dohuk**

Honar Issa graduated with a Civil Engineering degree from Salahaddin University in Kurdistan and received a PhD in Structural Engineering from Nottingham Trent University in the UK in 2010.

In 2012 he was appointed as the Founding Dean of the School of Engineering at Soran University and a year later, Dr. Honar was appointed as a Member of the Board of Trustees and the Establishment Supervisor at The American University of Kurdistan (AUK). He played a pivotal role in forming the initial stages of AUK.

Dr. Honar Issa is an Associate Professor, with extensive research presentations in several conferences. and has been invited to various panels and seminars as a keynote speaker.

Honar Issa is, among others, the Provost of The American University of Kurdistan (AUK).



- **Sabah Wais**

Sabah Wais received his B.Sc. degree in Physics from Physics Department, the University of Mosul with GPA 84.26/100 (ranked the first). He was awarded M.Sc. degree in Laser Physics from the Applied Science Department, the University of Technology-Baghdad in 1997 in the field of spectral properties of laser dyes. In 1998 he was employed at the Physics Department, College of Science, and University of Duhok. In October 2009 he has received his Ph.D. in Plasma Physics.



He has worked in the field of current-voltage characteristics of plasma discharge, particularly corona discharge in different parameters of design geometry and in various system conditions, such as working pressure and humidity.

Dr. Sabah Wais has published extensively with international

He currently serves as a Vice President of Duhok University for Scientific Affairs, and Postgraduate Studies Assistant Professor of Plasma Physics University of Duhok.

- **Bakhtiyar Ahmed**

Bakhtiyar Ahmed has graduated from the college of Medicines at Mosul University. He has worked at Azadi, Akre and Zakho Hospitals from 1993 to 1996.

From 1996 to 2010 Bakhtiyar has worked with humanitarian health organization serving IDPs and refugees. From 2011 to 2016 was the Head of Technical and



Preventive Health departments at the Directorate General of Health in Duhok. Throughout these years, Bakhtiyar has accumulated long-standing experience in emergency and humanitarian health contingency planning, response and implementation. In addition, Dr.Bakhtiyar has extensive technical experience in planning and conducting various community-based health and nutrition surveys and studies.

Bakhtiyar Ahmed is Board Member of Open Think Tank.

